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PRESS RELEASE

On June 29, 2020 the Amhara Heritage Society Minnesota (AHSM) issued a press release on the sudden death of Hachalu Hundessa expressing its condolences and asking the Addis Ababa Police and the Federal police to conduct a swift and transparent investigation of the crime.

However, we are learning that few individuals and groups are trying to capitalize on this sad incident to promote their political agenda and ethic-focused attacks by harassing and attacking Amharas and vandalizing and damaging their property in Addis Ababa and other cities in the Oromia region. We are saddened and angered by this Amhara-focused attack in a situation where the investigation is still undergoing and the perpetrators are not identified, yet.

We ask that individuals and groups that are promoting hate propaganda against Amharas and those who are encouraging and committing crimes against them to refrain from their evil action immediately. We also ask Ethiopians to understand the fact that the whole situation is orchestrated by the enemies of the country that are trying to elicit conflict between the Amharas and Oromos and use the damaging outcome for their political advantage by fracturing the integrity of Ethiopia. Although it is a very difficult time, we urge all Ethiopians to stand together and defend their fellow Amhara citizens.

God bless Ethiopia!

Amhara Heritage Society of Minnesota (AHSM)